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Serial No. 09/998,934

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### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

#### **A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT**

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend claim 16 to include limitations of claims 13 – 15.
2. Amend claim 5 to include limitations of claims 1 – 4 in a way reflective of the limitations of claims 13 – 15.
3. Amend claim 23 to include limitations of claims 20 – 22 in a way reflective of the limitations of claims 13 – 15.
4. Cancel claims 1 – 4, 6 – 15, and 17 – 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.
5. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

#### **B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-12 and 17-23 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,542,743 to Soliman. Claims 13-16 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,542,743 to Soliman. All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed. Dependent claim 16 was merely objected to but indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Applicants have rewritten dependent claim 16 as an independent claim to include the significant limitations of claims 13 – 15. Note that only the last fourteen words of claim 15 were added to claim 16, as the earlier words are essentially a duplication of already-included claim 14. Applicants believe this amendment is a fair rewriting of claim 16, but seek the Examiner's counsel if for some reason the Examiner thinks otherwise.

In similar manner, Applicants have rewritten claim 5 as an independent claim to include limitations of claims 1 – 4 in a way reflective of the limitations of claims 13 – 15.

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Applicants believe the finding of allowability of claim 16 thus militates in favor of thusly amended claim 5.

Also similar, Applicants have rewritten claim 23 as an independent claim to include limitations of claims 20 - 22 in a way reflective of the limitations of claims 13 - 15. Applicants believe the finding of allowability of claim 16 thus also carries favor for thusly amended claim 23.

### C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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